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BILL NO. SB365

From the desk of
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Dear Senator Steinbeisser,

The Montana Weed Control Association has passed resolution in opposition to SB365 as currently written. If this bill passes, two vital advisory councils and three support staff positions will be eliminated in the MDA Weed Program. MWCA recognizes there needs to be checks and balances in place for administration of the Noxious Weed Trust Fund, but we do not feel this legislation is the answer.

The MDA Noxious Weed Management Division has done a great job, especially the support staff, in helping Montana counties with grants in all aspects throughout the years the Trust has been in place. MWCA would not want to see this program, the only one of its kind in the nation, jeopardized with this legislation. The Noxious Weed Trust Fund has been the envy and a model for other states and it would not be that way today if it weren't for the efforts of the Montana Department of Agriculture's Weed Management Program.

Sincerely,

Becky L Kington

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